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DO NOT ENT**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

- 1. (Canceled)
- 2. (Previously Presented) The computer program product according to Claim 7, the computer program product causing the computer system to execute:
 - determining whether or not processing transitions to a bullet fire wait status where a bullet is fired from said enemy-character to a playercharacter at least within a predetermined time, and
 - determining whether or not the visual effect request for requesting visual effect processing is input by the player when processing transition to the bullet fire wait status.
- 3. (Canceled)
- 4. (Previously Presented) The computer program product according to Claim 2, the computer program product causing the computer system to execute:
 - determining whether or not a current mode is a mode where two or more players play, and
 - updating said remaining time so that an increased amount of said remaining time, when it is determined that the current mode is a mode where two or more players play, becomes different from an increased amount of said remaining time in a mode where one player plays.

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5. (Previously Presented) The computer program product according to Claim 7, the computer program product causing the computer system to execute:

determining whether or not the displaying of circumstances is being executed, and

executing image effect processing for changing a display mode of the enemy-character while the displaying of circumstances is executed.

- 6. (Previously Presented) The computer program product according to Claim 7, wherein said visual effect request input is a control signal which is output to said computer system when a foot pedal connected to said computer system is stepped on by the player.
- 7. (Currently Amended) A computer program product, stored on a computer readable medium, for causing a computer system to execute processing for determining whether or not bullets that are virtually fired in response to an input operation of a player collide with an enemy-character that is computer-controlled, and processing for displaying a player-character and the enemy-character in a virtual space viewed from a virtual viewpoint on a screen, the computer program product causing the computer system to execute:
 - (a) determining whether or not a visual effect request about a time scale for requesting visual effect processing is input by a player;
 - (b) changing the time scale such that a display speed of at least the enemy-character and each one of the bullets fired from the enemy-character become slower when the visual effect request about the time scale is input, wherein the time scale changes regardless of whether the bullets fired hit a target;
 - (c) displaying circumstances in the virtual space viewed from the virtual viewpoint on the screen where the player-character and the

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enemy-character [[is]] <u>are</u> located based on the changed time scale, wherein the time scale of the player <u>player-character</u> in said displaying circumstances remains unchanged so that the <u>speed of the player-character</u> player speed appears relatively faster than the speed of the enemy-character and the speed of each one of the bullets fired from the enemy-character;

- (d) determining whether or not bullets that are virtually fired in response to an input operation of the player collide with the enemy-character being a shooting target or collide with bullets that are virtually fired from the enemy-character and are shooting targets;
- (e) displaying an image of the shooting target being shot on the screen when bullets that are virtually fired responding to an input operation of the player collide-with the shooting target;
- (f) displaying a remaining time for the computer system to execute the changing of the time scale on the screen;
- (g) decreasing the remaining time in proportion to an elapsed time in which the computer system executes the changing of the time scale;
- (h) determining whether or not the remaining time is over;
- (i) terminating the changing of the time scale when the remaining time is over;
- (j) restoring the time scale to a normal value when the changing of the time scale is over;
- (k) measuring an elapsed time in which the computer system does not execute the changing of the time scale; and
- (I) increasing the remaining time in proportion to the elapsed time in which the computer system does not execute the changing of the time scale.

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8. (Canceled)

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9. (Currently Amended) The computer program product according to Claim [[8]] 7, the computer program product causing the computer system to execute:

determining whether or not a plurality of bullets that are virtually fired in response to an input operation of the player consecutively collide with the enemy-character or with bullets that are virtually fired from the enemy-character; and

increasing the remaining time more when the plurality of bullets that are virtually fired in response to an input operation of the player consecutively collide with the enemy-character or with bullets that are virtually fired from the enemy-character than when the plurality of bullets that are virtually fired in response to an input operation of the player consecutively collide with neither the enemy-character nor bullets that are virtually fired from the enemy-character.

- 10. (New) The computer program product according to Claim 7, wherein the computer program product causing the computer system to execute:
 - at (b), changing the time scale such that the display speed of the playercharacter become slower than normal, and the display speed of the enemy-character and the bullets are slower than the display speed of the player-character; and
 - at (c), displaying circumstances in the virtual space viewed from the virtual viewpoint on the screen where the player-character and the enemy-character are located based on the changed time scale, wherein the time scale of the player in said displaying circumstances is changed so that the speed of the player-character appears slower than usual and relatively faster than the speed of the enemy-

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character and the speed of each one of the bullets fired from the enemy-character.